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2013 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 25

Fall Announcement # 21, District 6 Commercial Fishing

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Through August 19, the cumulative fall chum salmon passage at Pilot Station sonar is approximately 470,000 fish, which is above the historical median of 427,000 fish for that date. Based on inseason assessment, the projected fall chum salmon run size is between 800,000 to 900,000 fish. All areas are now under fall season management. Currently, both summer and fall chum salmon are present in District 6, therefore harvests are likely a mixture of both stocks. Fall chum salmon numbers should increase as more Tanana River stocks enter Yukon River and migrate into the district.

District 6

Commercial salmon fishing in District 6 of the Tanana River will be open for two 42-hour periods from 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 23, until 12:00 noon Sunday, August 25, and from 6:00 p.m. Monday August 26 until 12:00 noon Wednesday, August 28. Gillnets will be restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh.

Commercial fishermen must confirm their market prior to commercial fishing. All salmon harvested during commercial fishing operations must be recorded on a fish ticket at the time of sale. Salmon harvested and not sold should be recorded on the fish ticket as “not sold”.

Processors, catcher sellers, or direct marketers should notify the department of their intent to operate by contacting the Fairbanks office at 459-7274.

Commercial fishing periods in District 6 will be open concurrently with subsistence and personal use fishing periods.

Subsistence and personal use fishermen in District 6 are reminded that permits are required and the total harvest must be recorded on the permit at the time of harvest. Permits are available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in Fairbanks.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387 (toll free). If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or the Fairbanks ADF&G office at 459-7274.

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